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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest to Spray for Bark Beetles in Crystal Park

Dillon, Mont., July 31, 2014 — The Forest Service has scheduled the application of insecticide for August 6th at Crystal Park on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The need for this is driven by the current mountain pine beetle epidemic, which has heavily affected many areas throughout southwest Montana and has already impacted some individual trees within popular recreation areas.

The site will be closed to public use from 6am on Wednesday, August 6th, to 6am on Thursday, August 7th. Depending on the weather, a Forest Service workforce will be placing packets and spraying Carbaryl to protect individual pine trees from mountain pine beetles.

Application of insecticide began in late June with individual tree treatments in campgrounds, day-use areas and trailheads. In order to be effective the green trees must be treated before the beetles fly again in mid-summer. In addition, users may notice packets stapled to trees. These 2"x 2" packets are Verbenone and/or MCH and are used to ward off bark beetles in areas that cannot be sprayed with the Carbaryl pesticide because of being too close to water. Please leave these packets in place to protect the trees.

For more information, contact the Forest Service in Dillon at (406) 683-3900, Wise River
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